

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification of the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows where bolding and underlining indicates added material and strikethroughs indicate deleted material

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C₁ FIG. 2 is a front perspective view of the body brace shown in FIG. 1, showing the iliac crest belt and body brace of the embodiment of FIG. 1.

FIG. 2B is a perspective view of an iliac crest belt in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 3 is a front view of a patient wearing the body brace and iliac crest belt shown in FIG. 1.

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C₂ Although iliac crest belt 300 is shown in FIG. 2B as comprising a single, elongated strip of substantially rigid material 302, the belt could be similarly constructed of a plurality of layers, one of the layers being of a substantially rigid material. Iliac crest belt 300 could also be constructed to include a relatively soft, compressible liner (constructed, for example, from the same material used to line the back and front shells 13, 15), which can be attached, removably or non-removably, by any suitable means to the inner surface of the belt, the liner serving to increase patient comfort.